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Applicants: NABATAME et al
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Assistant Commissioner For Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 25, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application.

In response to the election of species requirement in the outstanding office action, applicants elect the "first embodiment" represented by Figures 1, 4 and 5. Claims 1, 2, 5, 8, 9 and 12 are readable on the elected embodiment.

Applicants note the Examiner has continued and made final the previous restriction requirement. Applicants reserve the right to petition from the requirement for restriction, noting that the petition may be deferred until after final action on or allowance of claims to the invention elected. 37 CFR 1.144.

Examination of the elected invention is requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now in the application are requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing

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